



Sequoia Audubon Society is a branch of National Audubon Society. Its purpose is to enjoy and safeguard the wildlife of the Bay Area. All interested persons are welcomed at field trips, bird walks and monthly general meetings. President: Mr. U. E. Gras, 425 Alder Lane, San Mateo, FI 1-0575.

MEETINGS

- April 2  
Thurs.  
8:00 pm BOARD MEETING at home of President U. E. Gras, 425 Alder Lane, San Mateo. Any member of the Sequoia Audubon Society is welcome to attend.
- April 9  
Thurs.  
6:30 pm POTLUCK SUPPER at the Washington School Cafeteria, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. All members are urged to attend, and to bring their guests. Please notify Carol Boyd (344-5901) to let her know what you will bring - salad, main dish, or dessert.
- April 9  
Thurs.  
8:00 pm REGULAR MEETING - at Washington School Auditorium, 801 Howard Avenue, Burlingame. Mr. Stennett Heaton, author and photographer, will present his spectacular microphotographs, in color, on three screens simultaneously, in a unique program entitled "Designs in Nature".  
This is a very unusual type of nature program, of equal interest to nature lovers, camera enthusiasts, and artists, and we are very privileged to have Mr. Heaton present it to us. You are urged to attend yourself, and to bring any friends who might enjoy such a rare treat.

FIELD TRIPS

- April 4  
Saturday  
8:30 am BUTANO CANYON (Morning) and GAZOS CREEK (Afternoon)  
Leader: Alice Steele (DI 4-8317)  
Meeting Place: Crystal Springs Dam parking Area, on Skyline Blvd., just south of the intersection of Crystal Springs Road.  
This is the annual "Skunk Cabbage Trip" - Spring flowers, skunk cabbage, dawn redwood, flowering trees - wrens.  
Bring lunch.
- April 18  
Saturday  
8:30 am BERKELEY BOTANICAL GARDENS  
Leader: A. E. Montgomery (DI 4-4249)  
Meeting Place: Broadway, Burlingame - at Southern Pacific Parking lot on California Dr. between Carmelita and Broadway. Extra cars can be left here - plenty of free, all day parking. This is also a Greyhound bus stop for any who would like to join a car pool here.  
Bring lunch for picnic in Gardens. Should see Bullock's Orioles, Cowbirds, and courting Steller's Jays. Native trees, flowering and edible plants, all with name tags - very fine cactus gardens. Many beautiful plants and shrubs.
- May 3  
Sunday  
9 am sharp AL WOOL RANCH  
Leader: Al J. Wool. Contact Neil Dickinson (EM 6-7661) or Alice Steele (DI 4-8317) if additional information is needed.  
Meeting place: La Honda, at General Store parking area. Mr. Wool will meet us here and lead the caravan to his ranch for a day of birding. He has found some monk's head growing, as well as some new birds in this area. He has also found some Indian artifacts, which he will show us. Bring lunch.

MID-WEEK BIRD WALKS

The mid-week bird walks will continue on a non-scheduled basis, the times and places to be chosen as circumstances indicate. For information on these walks, contact one of the following:

Gene Hebbro DI 3-0415  
Florence Richardson FI 5-4443

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

STANFORD CAMPUS - February 29  
One of the finest bird-observation spots on the Peninsula may be found on the Stanford University Campus. If you missed the February 29 trip, you may wish to repeat it on your own. The campus is readily accessible by car, train, or bus. Paths are level, walking easy. Birds are relatively undisturbed by bird-watchers.

Fine old stands of native live-oak and mixed shrub and tree plantings, with minimum pruning, provide excellent habitat for birds. The lightly-wooded path back of the museum is inhabited by many species. Look for California Thrashers, seen regularly in thickets. Pipits and other open area feeders were on lawns in front of buildings. Plain Titmice were present in great numbers, insistently calling attention to themselves by accented whistles. Abandoned pastures near Willow Road attracted still another group of birds, and several species of ducks, including a number of Buffleheads, were swimming on Lake Lagunita.

An added feature of this trip was a visit to the Conchology exhibit in the Geology Building, arranged through Dr. Myra Keen by Alice Steele. This is a permanent shell display, and may be viewed on week days by contacting a member of the staff.

Florence Richardson

WEEKEND on MT. TAMALPAIS - March 7 and 8  
Saturday, March 7, was a beautiful clear day. We met at View Point and drove to Muir Woods. Mr. Voltz, park ranger-naturalist led us on a lecture of the park, which proved to be informative, interesting, and a real privilege for us all. Mr. Voltz not only knows his Muir Woods, but is an excellent speaker. The early spring flowers were in bloom, the day was warm and sunny.

At 12:30 we went up the mountain to Alpine Lodge, checked in, chose our beds, and went out to eat lunch in the sun on the patio. After lunch the group hiked down Ocean View Trail, through wild flowers, to Muir Woods ranger station - here cars picked us up for transport back to the lodge at 4:30. Dinner at 7:00 from a "minimum work" menu was a success. Hikes along trail near the lodge before dinner, and again in the moonlight, games, stories -- a busy time 'til our 11:30 bedtime.

Sunday morning breakfast, lunches packed, lodge cleared - Monty Montgomery led the group to Canyon Ranch for lunch, and to Bolinas, where a very low tide had clam-diggers everywhere. Thanks to all for helping make this a pleasant week-end, and particularly to Carol Boyd for her efficient food management and excellent menus, to Betty Thrasher for the lovely desserts, Monty Montgomery for leading the bikes, and to Jim and Jerry Bowers for making us feel at home. Thanks to Jim for keeping us warm and for the excellent coffee and repeats. We hope the Bowers join us often.

Alice Steele

CONSERVATION NOTES

What is Education? Thomas Jefferson brought an early version of it to America: an enlightened populace would be their own safeguard against tyrants. Two centuries later, we look on it mainly as a means of providing the technical knowledge necessary to an industrialized society and the eminence of scientific leadership in the world. Together with a few supporting services, of course. Whatever the concept of the educational process; it must be recognized as a "civilization builder" to serve the people who support it.

At the Audubon conference in Berkeley on February 8th, some of us attended a group discussion on "nature sanctuaries and conservation education" wherein about seventy people talked about ways and means of bringing nature education into the public school program. A young representative of the East Bay Regional Parks came up with an idea about an Outdoor Education Camp in a wild area, to serve several nearby schools and thus divide the costs. Ideally, it would provide dormitories and trained Naturalists, so that entire classes of school kids could explore and learn to love their Natural heritage. With Mr. Mott's idea of having regional parks surrounding the entire bay region, as mentioned earlier, this is an idea that can engage the best efforts of conservation groups, city and county recreation planners, school systems; in fact the whole of community leadership.

For the increasing pressures of metropolitan and urban life will mean more and stricter regulation of our daily coming and going and the planners coming up with what looks more and more like some test-tube living for our future. Because the public schools cannot breach the "separation" principle to teach spiritual values, our present education system does not help much to stop the continual erosion of values upon which people can build satisfactory lives. But we must not forget that the men who became giants in the building of our cultural institutions, were invariably men with a great and abiding love of Nature, returning often to her for their solace of their inspiration. Returning again to the land, maybe these kids could find things that just don't exist in the laboratories.

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The power line fight was lost. The embattled Woodside people still intend to use every legal means against the Atomic Energy Commission. Maybe they should accede, and allow the AEC or PG&E to build their tower line intrusion in the most prominent and ugly fashion possible. Then paint it Crimson and label it the "Stanford Memorial" or maybe Scarlet. And remember the "redcoats" and what they stood for. Tyrants are Tyrants, whether they wear the uniform of George III or the hardhat with an AEC symbol on it. If the federal agency can be so careless of fundamental property rights and invade us to override our county and city governments, just what good is any government? Every citizen in the area should be out there to put a stop to this, if necessary!

Bob Lebkicher  
Conservation Chairman

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c/o Mrs. Bonnie McClellan  
1356 Bernal Avenue  
Burlingame, California  
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SPECIAL INVITATION

Sequoia Audubon members have been invited to an outing on Sunday, May 3, being sponsored jointly by the Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter and the Committee for Green Foothills. Hikers meet at 9:00 am at a trail marker on Skyline Blvd., 2.8 miles north of Sky Londa (Route 84) junction. They will follow the trail to Miwok Flat in Huddart Park. Those who cannot hike are asked to bring a bag lunch also, and meet the hikers about noon for the picnic at Miwok Flat. Mr. Harold Gilliam has accepted an invitation to address the assembled group at Miwok Flat, and upcoming candidates for County Supervisor elections in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties will be asked to state their views on conservation.

People are asked to park near the Huddart Park entrance; leave the road to Miwok Flat open for elderly or handicapped people who can't walk the short distance. For further information phone Mrs. Elizabeth Rempel, 342-5497 (San Mateo), or Mr. or Mrs. Scull, 323-9141 (Palo Alto).

REPORT ON MARCH MEETING

Twenty-five Audubon members and guests met on March 12 to hear Maryann Danielson, Director of the San Mateo County Museum describe the activities of that organization. Miss Danielson accompanied her talk with color slides illustrating both the facilities and the activities of the Museum.

The Museum, an independent organization, performs two major roles in the community. First, it provides instruction in nature study and science to the children of the members of the Museum, as well as field trips around the county, and on occasion to other localities. A second major function is to augment the activities of the county's schools in the elementary grades in teaching nature studies to their pupils. For this operation, the Museum staff arranges with the individual school districts to provide instructional materials and both living and preserved specimens of wild life for use in the classrooms. Much of the financial support of the Museum is derived from the fees paid by the schools for these services.

Miss Danielson both illustrated her talk and provided entertainment for her audience by bringing several live animals to the meeting. The Red-tailed Hawk and Python were especially exciting, while the albino gopher was an interesting oddity.

LIBRARY NOTES

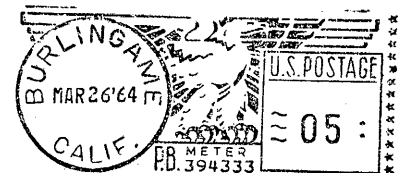
A new book, "Flowers and Ferns of Muir Woods" by a former ranger-naturalist of the Park System, Gladys Smith, is lovely to look at and nice to own. Available at the Park Ranger Station in Muir Woods for \$1.00, this book will be found useful in all redwood areas, and many of our Sawyer Camp Road flowers will be recognized. Mrs. Smith now works with the California Academy of Sciences.

Alice Steele

NEW MEMBERS

Eglantine Hubbell  
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Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Angle  
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Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Montgomery  
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